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CRITERIA FOR PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Tumor Necrosis Factor Alpha Blocker

PROVIDER GROUP: Professional

MANUAL GUIDELINES: The following drug(s) require prior authorization:
Infliximab (Remicade®)

CRITERIA for rheumatoid arthritis: (must meet all of the following)

- Patient has a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The prescriber is a rheumatologist
- Must be taken in combination with methotrexate
- Evaluation for latent tuberculosis infection with TB skin test prior to initial PA
- Patient has not taken another biologic agent (see attached table) in the past 30 days

CRITERIA for ankylosing spondylitis: (must meet all of the following)

- Patient has a diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The prescriber is a rheumatologist
- Evaluation for latent tuberculosis infection with TB skin test prior to initial PA
- Patient has not taken another biologic agent (see attached table) in the past 30 days

CRITERIA for psoriatic arthritis: (must meet all of the following)

- Patient has a diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The prescriber is a dermatologist or rheumatologist
- Evaluation for latent tuberculosis infection with TB skin test prior to initial PA
- Patient has not taken another biologic agent (see attached table) in the past 30 days

CRITERIA for ulcerative colitis: (must meet all of the following)

- Patient has a diagnosis ulcerative colitis
- The patient is 6 years of age or older
- The prescriber is a gastroenterologist
- The patient has used conventional ulcerative colitis therapies (see attached table) **or** there is documentation of inadequate response, contraindication, allergy or intolerable side effects to conventional ulcerative colitis therapies (see attached table)
- Evaluation for latent tuberculosis infection with TB skin test prior to initial PA
- Patient has not taken another biologic agent (see attached table) in the past 30 days

CRITERIA for Crohn's Disease: (must meet all of the following)

- Patient has a diagnosis of Crohn's Disease
- The patient is 6 years of age or older
- The prescriber is a gastroenterologist
- The patient has used conventional Crohn's Disease therapies (see attached table) **or** there is documentation of inadequate response, contraindication, allergy or intolerable side effects to conventional Crohn's Disease therapies (see attached table)
- Evaluation for latent tuberculosis infection with TB skin test prior to initial PA
- Patient has not taken another biologic agent (see attached table) in the past 30 days

CRITERIA for plaque psoriasis: (must meet all of the following)

- Patient has a diagnosis of plaque psoriasis
- The patient is 18 years of age or older
- The prescriber is a dermatologist or rheumatologist
- The patient has taken oral agents for the treatment of plaque psoriasis (see attached table) **or** patient is a candidate for systemic therapy or phototherapy
- Evaluation for latent tuberculosis infection with TB skin test prior to initial PA
- Patient has not taken another biologic agent (see attached table) in the past 30 days

Prior Authorization may be approved for six (6) months.

Biologic Agents

Generic Name	Brand Name
Abatacept	Orencia®
Adalimumab	Humira®
Alefacept	Amevive®
Anakinra	Kineret®
Certolizumab	Cimzia®
Golimumab	Simponi®
Infliximab	Remicade®
Natalizumab	Tysabri®
Rituximab	Rituxan®
Tocilizumab	Actemra®
Ustekinumab	Stelara®

Oral Plaque Psoriasis Therapy

Generic Name	Brand Name
Acitretin	Soriatane®
Cyclosporine	Sandimmune®
Methotrexate	Trexall®, Rheumatrex®

Conventional Crohn's Disease Therapies

Generic Name	Brand Name
Azathioprine	Azasan®, Imuran®
Budesonide	Entocort®
Cortisone	Cortone®
Dexamethasone	Decadron®, Dexone®, Hexadrol®, Baycadron®, DexPak®, Zema-Pak®
Hydrocortisone	Hydrocortone®, Cortef®
Mercaptopurine	Purinethol®
Mesalamine	Apriso®, Lialda®, Cariasa®, Pentasa®, Asacol®, Rowasa®, SF-Rowasa®, Fiv-Asa®
Methotrexate	Trexall®, Rheumatrex®
Methylprednisone	Medrol®, MethylPred®, Meprolone UniPak®
Prednisolone	Prelone®, MilliPred®, OraPred®, VeriPred®, Bubbli-Pred®, PediaPred®
Prednisolone/Peak Flow Meter	AsmaPred Plus®
Prednisone	Orasone®, Meticorten®, SteraPred®, Deltasone®, Prenicen-M®
Sulfasalazine	Azulfidine®, Sulfazine®

Ulcerative Colitis Therapy

Generic Name	Brand Name
Balsalazide	Colazal®
Cortisone	Cortone®
Dexamethasone	Decadron®, Dexone®, Hexadrol®, Baycadron®, DexPak®, Zema-Pak®
Hydrocortisone	Hydrocortone®, Cortef®
Mesalamine	Apriso®, Lialda®, Canasa®, Pentasa®, Asacol®, Rowasa®, SF-Rowasa®, Fiv-Asa®
Methylprednisolone	Medrol®, Meprolone UniPak®, MethylPred®
Prednisolone	Prelone®, MilliPred®, OraPred®, VeriPred®, PediaPred®, Bubbli-Pred®
Prednisolone/Peak Flow Meter	AsmaPred Plus®
Prednisone	Orasone®, Meticorten®, SteraPred®, Deltasone®, Prednicen-M®
Sulfasalazine	Azulfidine®, Sulfazine®